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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

**SEP 1 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
October issue, 12 NOON**

SEP 6 - Labor Day holiday
(Town Hall closed; no bus service)

SEP 13 - Policy & Rules Committee Mtg.
(Permits Process) Town Hall, 11:30am

SEP 13 - COUNCIL MEETING

SEP 20 - COUNCIL MEETING

**SEP 29 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for the
November issue, 12 NOON**

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can be provided with a request made ten days in advance. **The agenda** for Council Meetings is **posted** on the Town's web site and the bulletin board outside the Town Hall on the Friday before each Meeting.

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

The past two months have brought joy, sadness, and the equivocal in almost equal amounts to our Town. The **4th of JULY** started the summer with a great party celebrating America. **Delegate Justin Ross**, a former UP resident, is owed a big **THANK YOU**

for attending the Town Parade and leading it on that beautiful, warm, early-summer day. The participation of the kids and the bike decorations this year were fantastic. The picnic afterwards was equally wonderful and gave friends, neighbors, parents, and children a great opportunity to enjoy each other's company, games, and good picnic food. A tip-of-the-hat to the **UPCA** and the others who organized it.

On our way to the picnic, many of us noticed **THE BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC** that has been installed at the front entrance of the University Park Elementary School. Created this spring from UPES students' drawings (under the auspices of UPES art teacher **Liza Linder**), the mural represents an ingeniously creative group artistic effort. If you haven't seen it yet, make a point to walk by and admire the children's masterpiece.

With great sorrow, I must announce that during the July 4th weekend, **THE TOWN LOST A WONDERFUL EMPLOYEE** when **Harry Horton**, our morning Metro-shuttle and call-a-bus driver, passed away unexpectedly. Harry was one of those rare individuals who greeted every person he met with graciousness and a smile. He had that ineffable ability to cheer up others even if they were in a blue funk. And though his nickname was "Sonny," spelling it with a "u" would have been just as appropriate. I remember well when I rode the bus with Harry one morning, trying to learn the route and best entrance to the Plaza Metro Station so I could back him up when he went on vacation. Not only

did I learn the route but, by his example, I received a lesson in how to treat others with kindness and respect that I will cherish until the day I die. In retrospect, it is clear that, had it not been for Harry, the Town bus service never would have been as successful as it is. University Park was truly blessed by his presence and we will miss him sorely.

As many of you are aware, the Town Council voted unanimously to accept the **US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY STEP-UP! GRANT** on July 19th. By the time you read this column, the Town will have completed all the preliminary paperwork and signed the grant contract. Under the terms of the grant, we must hire a Project Manager/Energy Coach and encumber 50 percent of the grant funds by September 30th. In order to meet these obligations, the Mayor and Council have appointed an Advisory Committee consisting of community residents and partner representatives. Our Town is blessed with extraordinary talent. A number of the Committee members are nationally and internationally-known energy and environmental experts. The complete list of Committee members may be found on the Town web site (www.upmd.org) on a new page devoted entirely to the DOE grant.

Within a month or two, the project will have its own web site devoted entirely to energy issues and the STEP-UP! grant's associated programmatic tasks. (STEP-UP = Sequential Transformative Energy Program for University Park) All residents who may have any interest in taking advantage of some of the services and opportunities that will be offered under the program are asked to review the web site frequently, particularly during September and October. On August 2nd, the Town released a job announcement and description for the position of Program Manager/Energy Coach. It also included an outline of the various grant elements and proposed activities, and has been included in full as an insert in this NEWSLETTER. Please take the time to read it in full if you have ANY interest in improving the energy efficiency of your home. This is

an exciting opportunity for the residents of University Park. Please try to take advantage of it if you can.

A couple of comments are in order on the **WORK BEING DONE BY WSSC** in the community, **AND BY THE SHA** on Baltimore Avenue and on East-West Highway (at the intersection of Adelphi Road and Queens Chapel Road). Although no one believed that it would be easy, the work has been slower and rougher going than was originally anticipated, even under the worst of circumstances. At this time, we do not expect WSSC to be finished with all their basic work until late fall 2010. The same is likely to be true for the work being done by SHA. This means that we cannot expect to see any full-street repairs to begin until the spring of 2011 (with the exception of Clagett Road, where Federal stimulus dollars are being used to mill and overlay that street). Hopefully, residents who live on Clagett should expect to see the work (between College Heights Drive and Queens Chapel Road) completed around Thanksgiving, but no later than Christmas. In the meantime, if you spot mini-sink holes, please notify the Town Hall immediately. Also, try to avoid walking over dirt areas that are covered with straw (to ensure sediment control). In many cases, the ground is very uneven underneath the straw and if you are not careful, you easily might injure an ankle or foot. We will continue to announce work schedules on the web site and in the NEWSLETTER as soon as we learn of them.

I would like to thank **Chief Wynnyk** for leading four interesting and helpful **CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY FORUMS** this summer. The Mayor and Council have received a number of very good ideas and suggestions that emanated from the Forums and we are or will be acting on them as quickly as possible; more next month about this.

Finally, please **PLAN TO VOTE** in the primaries on **September 14th**. This is an unusual year for Prince George's County in that all of the County-wide positions are "open"

aces (i.e., no incumbents are running) and they will include the important contests for County Executive, State's Attorney, Sheriff, and County Clerk! The winners of these offices will shape our County for years to come at a very crucial time in American history. *"Don't let your voice go unheard."*



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION, which means **traffic in and around University Park will increase exponentially**. And, the number of students being driven to school also will add to the traffic that inundates our streets during the to-and-from-school times each morning and afternoon. Our University Park community is unique in that education is one of the most common threads woven into the fabric of our Town. More children will be walking about now, school buses will be traveling through the neighborhood regularly, and after-school activities will be restarting. But just as the increase in traffic is back in full swing, our daylight hours slowly are becoming shorter.

Learning and teaching each other is essential for staying safe. **Please walk your children to school if you can, rather than drive them.** If you must drive: Always wear your seat belts, come to a full stop at "STOP" signs, and drive slowly. If you only are commuting through Town, please choose a route that avoids the school area in the morning, and drive with caution, keeping a watchful eye for pedestrians and cyclists.

UPES parents: Drivers may not exit their vehicles or linger when using the drop-off lane. **Parking and exiting your vehicle to walk your child in the door is not allowed.** This destroys the drop-off lane's purpose and effectiveness. Working together, we can make the school area a safer place, even during this busy time.

University Park Police Department (UPPD) Officers have a very low tolerance for TRUANCY. "Regular school attendance" is one of the most critical parts of the learning process. Truancy can be indicative of juvenile criminal behavior. When students do not attend school, the impact is broad and the community suffers. Besides costing students valuable education time, unsupervised and truant young people often turn to crimes that include vandalism, thefts from automobiles, and home burglaries. **If you see any student-aged youths walking around Town during school hours, please call the UPPD.**

THE OPEN FORUM summer series sponsored by the UPPD was conducted at UPES during July and August. A variety of subjects were discussed including personal protection, securing your home from burglars, protecting your property, crime prevention through environmental design, Neighborhood Watch options, and numerous other police-related topics of interest. Thank you to all the citizens who participated and made the information exchange a great success. Learning to make our community safe really is an on-going process and the basic lesson of "watch out for each other" is one of the most important efforts we can take to ensure a safe environment for our Town.

HELP STOP CRIME: The UPPD and the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) are conducting follow-up investigations of the recent "Breaking & Entering" and "Theft from Auto" crimes. Several arrests have been made but these incidents continue to occur in UP and surrounding jurisdictions. Please know that the UPPD, along with the PGPD, the Hyattsville PD, the town of Riverdale Park, and other police jurisdictions are working together actively to resolve this current trend of criminal activity.

REMEMBER: • Continue to lock your windows before you go away • Use your alarm system if you have one • Watch over each others' homes, and call the police immediately if you see anything suspicious •

If you own a laptop, document its serial number, and consider purchasing "LoJack for Laptops" (such software can help locate a stolen laptop) • To keep our Town safe, it is very important that the UPPD has your assistance • Crime prevention tips are available from the UPPD at any time. Pamphlets are available on: home security surveys • Internet security • personal awareness • property identification • vehicle security • and more.

CLUBS: Steering wheel clubs again are still available for purchase. The reduced cost is \$10.00. Using a security club can deter your vehicle's theft. Please contact the UPPD while they last.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077; or call the P.G. County Dispatch: 301-333-4000 and ask for a UP officer to respond). For **Chief Mike Wynnnyk**, contact 301-277-0051 or upchief@upmd.org. ALL EMERGENCIES should DIAL 911.

*[Ed.NOTE: To receive notice of all UP crimes within a day of their occurrence, join the **Chief's E-List**. Please consult the neon yellow Annual Information Sheet for details.]*

CRIME STATISTICS (June 1st to June 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
Jun 5th	Theft from Auto	6300 QC Road
Jun 5th	Theft from Auto	6700 Adelphi Rd
Jun 7th	B & E	4400 Underwd St
Jun 8th	B & E	6500 40th Ave
Jun10th	Theft from Auto	6700 40th Ave
Jun23rd	Theft from Auto	6900 40th Ave
Jun26th	Theft from Auto	4200 Sheridan St
Jun26th	B & E (Shed)	6500 43rd Ave
Jun27th	Theft from Auto	7000 Wells Pkwy
Jun29th	Stolen&Recovrd Auto	4400 Van Buren
Jun30th	Theft from Auto	4300 Clagett Rd

Theft from Auto (Between 2 AM and 7:30 AM): Suspect/s broke the drivers' side door lock of a 1993 Chevy Suburban and **stole the radio faceplate**. A suspect was located and Officers applied for warrants for arrest. **Case Closed.**

Theft from Auto (At 3 AM): UPPD Officer Swann was assisting Riverdale Park Police with suspicious persons in the 4400 block of East-West Highway. Subjects possessed backpacks containing several GPS sets & other property. Further investigation by Officer Swann determined that some property was taken from a vehicle in the 6700 block of Adelphi Road. Subjects were arrested and charged. **Case Closed.**

Breaking & Entering (Between 8:15 AM and 7:20 PM): A resident arrived home, discovered property missing, and notified the police; responding units checked the home. It was determined that suspect/s entered the residence **THROUGH A REAR WINDOW**. **Stolen items included two Mac Book laptop computers, an I-Pod MP3 player and loose change.** The area was canvassed for possible suspects and the scene processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 8 AM and 1:45 PM): A resident arrived home and noticed a broken window. The police were notified; responding units checked the home and it was determined that the suspect/s entered the residence by breaking a rear window. The home had been ransacked and items **stolen included a Gateway laptop, Sharp 19" flat-panel TV, loose change, and assorted jewelry.** The area was canvassed for possible suspects and the scene was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between 8 AM and 6 PM): suspect/s entered a 1999 Honda Civic damaging the passenger window and **stole a Panasonic car radio and the rear spoiler** from the vehicle. No suspect/s were located. The vehicle was processed for fingerprints and the investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between 9 PM and 9 AM): suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2005 Toyota Corolla and **stole a Garmin GPS unit.** No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between 9:30 PM on June 26th and 3:30 PM on June 27th): suspect/s entered an **UNLOCKED** 2004 Ford pick-up truck and **stole a Tom-Tom GPS unit, some coins, and two prescription bottles**. No suspect/s located; investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Shed) (Between 6 AM on May 19th and 4:30 PM on May 20th): On June 26, 2010, it was reported that suspect/s **HAD ENTERED THE SHED** and **stolen a Honda lawn mower and an electric edger**. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between 9 PM and 11 AM): suspect/s entered an **UNLOCKED** 2004 Honda Civic and **stole approximately twenty music CDs and some coins**. Two other vehicles in the driveway **WERE ENTERED** but nothing was taken. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Stolen & Recovered Auto (At 5:30 AM): A disabled vehicle parked in the middle of the road was determined to have been stolen a short time earlier from the 6700 block of 44th Avenue. The owner was notified and vehicle returned. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between June 18th and June 20th): On June 30, 2010, it was reported that suspect/s had entered an **UNLOCKED** 1993 Ford Crown Victoria and **stolen a GPS unit**. No suspect/s were located. The investigation is ongoing.

CRIME STATISTICS (July 1st to July 31st)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
July 4-12th	Vandalism (Shed)	6500 QC Road
July 6th	B & E	4000 Underwd St
July 15-16	B & E	4300 E-W Hwy
July 17th	Theft from Auto	4200 Sheridan St
July 22-25	B & E	6500 41st Ave

Vandalism (Shed): On property of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, suspect/s damaged the lock to the shed door. No property was stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 8 AM and 1:15 PM): Housekeepers advised that when they arrived at the residence to work, they discovered that a rear door had been broken. They exited the home and contacted the police. The UPPD responded, searched the premises, and determined that suspect/s had entered the home through the rear door and **stolen a small bag of assorted jewelry**. The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. A suspect was identified as **Michael Williams**, a white adult male of University Park, and arrested. **Case Closed**.

Breaking & Entering (Between 5 PM and 6 AM): A contractor advised that he arrived at the site and found **numerous power tools had been stolen**. Currently, the house is under renovation and the front **DOOR WAS BEING HELD IN PLACE TEMPORARILY BY A 2X4 PIECE OF LUMBER**, which was the point of entry by the suspects. The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft from Auto (Between MIDNIGHT and NOON): The vehicle's owner advised that someone had **stolen a Tom-Tom GPS unit** from his **UNLOCKED** 2000 Mazda. No suspect/s located; investigation is ongoing.

Breaking & Entering (Between 8 AM on July 22nd and 4:30 PM on July 25th): Residents arrived home, found property missing and the bedroom in disarray, and contacted the police. The UPPD responded and searched the premises. It was determined that suspect/s entered the home through a dog-entry opening in the rear kitchen door and **stole a laptop, an I-pod, a 36-inch flat-screen TV, and some coins**. The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s located; investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in Town should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Residents are advised to contact the police immediately if any suspicious activity is noticed near University Park homes/vehicles, such as: ☉ **The sound of a car window breaking**, ☉ An unfamiliar vehicle circling the block, or ☉ **Someone walking down the street looking or shining a flashlight into vehicles**. But if a situation requires immediate police action or there is ANY chance a crime might be in progress, **call 9-1-1 immediately!** Door-to-door solicitation is not permitted in UP without advance permission from the Town Hall; call 301-333-4000 to have an officer dispatched to the site. When your neighbors are at work or on vacation, keep an eye on their property. If you have any information pertaining to past/current crimes committed in UP, please contact UPPD at 301-277-0050. All information is confidential. Your continued vigilance is important.

[Ed. NOTE: "Highlights" of the minutes from monthly UP Council Meetings are incomplete unofficial records with a 2-month lag time. Residents who cannot attend Council Meetings should review the minutes available on line or at the Town Hall. Please call 301-927-4262 for more information.]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 7th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Mallino (Mayor Tabori was attending the Hyattsville City Council Meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding on the Wells Run/UP Stream Committee report); Council Members (CMs) Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, O'Connor, and Toscano; and Chief Wynnyk and UPPWD Director Beall.

Four items were discussed during **public comment**. (1) A Queens Chapel Road resident asked if more community policing,

UPPD foot patrols, or other actions by residents might help curb the recent crime wave. The resident had returned from a brief errand to find a white van casing her home. The van left when her dog went outside and started barking. Chief Wynnyk said UPPD was short two officers due to illness but a replacement had been hired to fill a third vacancy created by Lt. Bacon's retirement. The Chief said crimes occur at specific times: car break-ins at night and home burglaries between 12-5 PM. Though the Chief has arranged for plainclothes patrols, he said patrol cars are one of the most visible policing deterrents

(2) CM Mallino brought to Council's attention the new mosaic recently installed on the exterior of the UPES building. (3) At the County Council meeting about the Belcrest development, Mayor Tabori and Attorney Ferguson made very strong statements for UP's position and County Councilman Olson expressed similar strong views. The Council told the developer to meet with and resolve UP's and Hyattsville's concerns before returning to the Council.

(4) At the Landy property hearing, their proposal was sent back to staff for reconsideration. The developer was instructed to comply with the 16-story height restrictions and conform to the Transit District Overlay requirements. Councilman Olson pushed for the application to be taken under advisement. Councilman Campos realized the developer had not listened to community concerns and was skeptical about the developer's traffic impact claims. CM Mallino commended the Mayor, the Stream Committee, and other citizens who helped make UP's concerns heard, but cautioned that the developer would continue pursuing development opportunities and UP residents must continue to maintain their interest and engagement in the process.

A **motion** for a building permit was approved unanimously to **install a 3-foot steel picket fence** at 6308 Queens Chapel Road.

Four **Consent Agenda** items were approved unanimously to: (1) **replace a shed at 6702 Forest Hill Drive**; (2) **make miscellaneous improvements at 6525 40th Avenue**; (3) **replace the front walkway at 4103 Woodberry Street**; and (4) **replace the front walkway and repair & replace the front steps at 6515 40th**.

Chief Wynnyk explained that there was a process for hiring new full or part-time officers that takes time. It includes drug and psychological testing as well as a familiarization training period. Lt. Bacon's position has been filled, but Officer Barreto has been on extended medical leave and another officer is undergoing a series of medical tests.

The Chief said UP's crime statistics were not disproportionately high when compared to other years and noted that youth unemployment in the area was 70%. He said the new police radios (purchased through a grant) were now on line.

The Chief and Director Beall said one impact from the State Highway Administration's work at the E-W Highway/Adelphi Road intersection was an incredible amount of cut-through traffic that resulted from the lane restrictions and back-ups on E-W Highway. They also informed Council about the SEPTED training they had attended. It provided info on designing and maintaining public spaces (like parks) to make them less prone to crime.

Three **motions to approve on-street, six-month renewal parking waivers for up to 5 vehicles for Town rental properties** were passed unanimously for the residences at: (1) 6908 40th Avenue, (2) 6705 40th Avenue, and (3) 6701 Forest Hill Drive.

CM Toscano commended the **Public Works crews** who were working on the Wells Parkway vegetation. They had thoroughly and politely explained to residents the reasons they were cutting back trees and shrubbery along Wells Run, as well as removing invasive species.

A motion was passed unanimously to **introduce the transfer of \$39,775 from reserves to: Salaries (\$15,500); Snow Removal (\$13,775); Landfill (\$8,000); Gasoline (\$2,000); and Travel & Dues (\$500).** The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUNE 21st COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Bradley Chacón, Carey, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Toscano; Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, UPPWD Director Beall, and Attorney Ferguson; and **Mr. Frank T. DeFroda**, CPA, an audit partner with Barbacane, Thornton & Company.

Under Public Comment, a Tuckerman Street resident expressed **concern with WSSC's street maintenance** and asked if soil and sediment could be swept up rather than allowed to wash into Wells Run. The matter already was being pursued with WSSC. Also, on behalf of the Solar Energy Co-op (SEC), CM Lucas asked that any CMs who had **connections with the County School Board** share that information with SEC members.

One **Consent Agenda** item was approved unanimously to **replace the front walkway at 6504 44th Avenue**.

Mayor Tabori reported (1) **on the Hyattsville City Council (HCC) meeting** that he and Mr. Stickles attended on June 7th to provide a basic presentation on the Wells Run MOU. The Mayor was disappointed with comments made by some of the HCC members and the HCC's decision not to vote on the MOU. (2) He **introduced Mr. DeFroda**, whose company was selected to be the Town's auditors. (3) He noted that a **proposal to develop the 9-Pond area** into a park and storm water management system was supported by local and Federal legislators and tentatively by two developers. The UTC developers also will be contacted.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he was finalizing updates to the **parking ticket and parking citation forms**. He also said he would be addressing summer church groups about public safety and would be holding four **Community Safety Forums** for UP residents during July and August.

Treasurer Baden reported that UP will receive \$22,500 from FEMA for 75% of the **snow removal costs**. He also will apply for reimbursement for debris removal for a 6-month period as per FEMA guidelines. He said the Mayor was forwarding a request for **employees' salaries** to be included in his budget report to the Council's Policy, Rules, & Municipal Structure Committee.

A **motion** (second reading) was passed unanimously to **approve the transfer of \$39,775 from reserves to: Salaries (\$15,500); Snow Removal (\$13,775); Landfill (\$8,000); Gasoline (\$2,000); and Travel & Dues (\$500).**

Two **motions to approve on-street, six-month renewal parking waivers for Town rental properties** were passed unanimously for: (1) **for up to 5 vehicles at 6704 40th Avenue** and (2) **for up to 3 vehicles at 3900 Underwood Street**.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to **approve all appointments to the following Council Committees:**

Police, Traffic, & Public Safety - Chair Susan McPherson, F. Mickey Lucas, and Tracy Toscano.

Policy, Rules, & Municipal Structure - Chair Margaret Mallino, Jacqueline Bradley Chacón, and Tracey Toscano.

Public Facilities & Services - Chair Len Carey, Jacqueline Bradley Chacón, and Anne O'Connor.

University Park Stream Committee - Chair Tom Stickles, Council Liaison F. Mickey Lucas.

University Park Tree Committee - Chair Jenny Glenn, Council Liaison Len Carey.

[NOTE: Mayor Tabori proposed two changes: (1) That Committee appointment dates begin on July 1st with the timing of Town Elections, and (2) That the Chair stays with the assigned Ward for the year if there is turnover on the Committee.]

A **motion** was passed unanimously to **approve the UPCA request to close Queens Chapel Road** between Baltimore Avenue and UPES from 10:30-11:30 AM for the Town Parade on July 4, 2010.

A **motion** was passed unanimously to **extend the 2010 community grant application deadline to August 30, 2010**. The Town must decide by September 30th how the \$1.425 million grant will be spent for energy-efficient programs during the next three years. Discussion ensued on what might be covered: State of Maryland energy-efficient appliances, bulk purchase of such items as replacement windows, or even Town street lighting. The Mayor said the Council would discuss the program in depth at the July 12th Council Meeting. Mr. Chuck Wilson will take responsibility to coordinate with Town Hall for the filing deadline on June 30, 2010. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 12th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carey, Lucas, O'Connor, Mallino, McPherson, and Toscano; Chief Wynnyk; and Landy representatives: Mr. Richard Reed, attorney; Mr. Jay Parker, Landy's engineering representative, and Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg, Landy property owners.

Under Public Comment, the Landy group gave an update on their property and presented a new design. It was noted that originally, UP had concerns about traffic, storm water management, and the impact

on the local school system. The new proposal will be implemented in phases. Phase 1 with 400 units, originally proposed as a 16-story building, would now be 4 stories in height. The heights of subsequent sections would be assessed at a later time. The storefront/street level environment would face Belcrest Road to encourage pedestrians and a walkable access to the Metro station. To keep a residential feel, the building's southeastern elevation would include dormer features (as opposed to a flat roofline). The Block or concrete building materials will be upgraded to stone and brick.

They would comply with State regulations for storm water management and water quality. The two alternative designs being considered are: on-site underground storage tanks and a regional solution -- the 9-Pond watershed. CM Lucas inquired about the impact of traffic from Northwestern High School on the development. Mr. Parker said that the back edge of the property would be fenced and access to the parking lot would be controlled through gated and keyed access points. CM Lucas said that his concern was actually that Belcrest Road was not wide enough to handle the traffic volume.

However, Mr. Stickles complimented Mr. Blumberg and his team for having gone beyond what could have been expected or hoped for by the Town of University Park. Mayor Tabori said the important point was to ensure that development proceeds in a way that preserves University Park's quality of life.

A **motion** for a building permit was approved unanimously to **construct a 26'x 30'x25' second-floor dormer addition** at 4314 Sheridan Street.

One **Consent Agenda** item was approved unanimously to **replace the fence** at 4213 Van Buren Street.

Mayor Tabori reported his concern that the Belcrest property review was placed on the District Council agenda at 9 AM on

the day the hearing was to be held. This left extremely little time for review and comment by UP.

CM Lucas raised several concerns: (1) He reported on a recent Maryland Municipal League (MML) meeting. He raised **strong objections to Maryland State Delegate Justin Ross for moving to postpone the State water quality management bill from taking effect until 2017**. Mr. Lucas said that water quality standards have to be set and enforced at the State level to prevent the least restrictive municipal regulations from determining the water quality throughout the Chesapeake watershed. **Every delay and postponement allows more damage and pollution** to accumulate in the environment.

(2) **Re the 2-story house on 40th Avenue** that caused significant disputes over whether or not its addition was a garage and if the structure was in compliance with building codes. CM Lucas said there appeared to be work taking place in the garage during the early hours of the morning, including 2 AM. (3) CM Lucas also made a **comment on Pepco's slow response to requests for street light repairs**. Mayor Tabori had similar personal experiences with Pepco's astonishingly slow response on repairs. He also noted that Pepco had not connected the solar panels installed on the Church of the Brethren. The Church had to reach out to UP as well as to local and State legislators for assistance in addressing their issue with Pepco.

Chief Wynnyk reported that he had participated in a class on mutual aid agreements at the MML meeting. He also met with the Town Public Safety Committee last week, and in the hour before this Council Meeting, he held the first of four Public Safety Forums at University Park Elementary School. He said the meeting was well attended by Town residents.

Re area traffic: With Council's permission, Mayor Tabori will seek a quote from Town resident **Jim Cook** for a traffic

study in Ward 6. Mr. Cook, is a traffic engineer who has carried out Town traffic studies previously. Both traffic volume and traffic speed would be calculated.

Mayor Tabori responded to the four categories of questions about the DOE grant that were raised by CM Carey at the July 7th Council Meeting. The areas covered included Accountability, Opportunity Cost, Risk, and Logistics. He said that the **Project Manager/Energy Coach** (PM/EC) who would manage the DOE STEP-UP! grant would report to the Mayor. One important responsibility for the PM/EC would be to analyze and evaluate the several layers of tax credits and rebates that would help residents offset the cost of energy-efficient improvements. The Mayor reminded Council that the position of PM/EC would end in three years when the grant contract ended. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 19th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Bradley Chacón, Lucas, O'Connor, Mallino, and McPherson; Chief Wynnyk, Treasurer Baden, UPPWD Director Beall, and Attorney Ferguson.

A **motion** for a building permit was approved unanimously to **install an 8'x 12'x8'2" wood-and-shingle shed** at 6908 Wells Parkway.

A **motion** for a building permit was approved unanimously to **install solar panels** at 4312 Tuckerman Street. Two representatives of *Standard Solar*, the construction company the resident retained to do the work, described the proposed construction project. *Standard Solar* recently installed the solar array panel for UPCB. They said the more-shallow-pitched porch roof would lose only a few percentage points of efficiency.

Mayor Tabori reported on the funeral arrangements for Town bus driver, Mr. Harry Horton. The Mayor credited Mr. Horton with being a key part of the success of the Town bus service and said Mr. Horton's pleasant and professional manner would be missed greatly on the morning bus route. Council postponed that week's regular trash pick-up from Tuesday to Wednesday to allow the Town Hall staff to attend the funeral service.

Re the Stream Committee's proposal to widen two of the bioponds placed in the Stream to stop erosion: Mayor Tabori cautioned that permits were needed in order to carry out grading in an area that was an environmentally-sensitive wetland. The Mayor asked the Town Attorney to review the applicable regulations and said he would report back to Council.

Chief Wynnyk reported that on July 17th, all Prince George's County Police Forces began coordinating with the DC Metropolitan Police Department's "All Hands On Deck" program. This program has all available officers work beats across the city during the weekend. He also said the Town had received the grant check for \$34,000 for the UPPD's new police radios.

The Town Treasurer said that the June 30th report reflected the 12-month period for the Town's Fiscal Year 2010. He projected that the actual budget would be under the planned budget amount for general government! He added that the Town audit was scheduled for September.

In Director Beall's report, he **praised Mr. Harry Horton's service to the Town** and said the Public Works Department employees also planned to attend the funeral. Mr. Beall reported that the scarlet barberry bushes relocated along the foot bridges over Wells Run came from the shrubbery that was along Queens Chapel Road near East-West Highway. That area was going to be torn up during the State Highway construction project to add a turn lane from East-West Highway to Adelphi

Road. He also announced that the Town had submitted three different claims to FEMA related to snow removal costs. The reimbursements are estimated to total approximately \$40,000. Mr. Beall added that WSSC had identified the additional areas in Town where sewer repair work was needed.

Re Town Community Grants: Mayor Tabori said Council moved the date for receiving applications to August 30th. CM Bradley Chacón said review and discussion of proposals would be done in September and the **grant awards would be announced at the first Council Meeting in October.**

A **motion** was approved unanimously to **move the decision date for announcing grant awards to October 4, 2010.**

Re the public discussion/hearing on the Town grant from US DOE: Mr. Chuck Wilson gave an overview presentation of the STEP-UP! grant program; it was suggested that community representatives be involved.

Re selecting an Energy Coach: The opening will be widely advertised with a 30-day period for application submission. A committee of 3-5 people plus the Mayor will interview candidates. The desire is to have the position filled by September 30th. Van Buren Street residents said that winning such a grant represented a 1-in-a-100 opportunity and hoped that the Council and Town residents realized the magnitude of such an opportunity being presented to the Town.

A **revolving loan program** was one of the funding options allowed under the terms of the DOE grant. SunTrust, one of several banks the Town approached about the program, had submitted a letter in support of the grant as part of the application process. \$125,000 was set aside as a loan loss reserve. Mr. Wilson said that UP plans to take advantage of energy-saving lessons learned from other municipalities.

Mr. Wilson said 3% of the grant funds would be set aside for developing energy-

efficiency measures. He said there were two funding models under the program: reimbursable for meeting milestones, or a lump sum with measurable stretch-performance goals. The Town did not have to commit municipal funds under either model. There is a 25% participation rate which means **at least 25% of the total number of households in University Park need to take advantage of the grant.**

A **motion** was passed unanimously to **approve the acceptance of and authorize the Mayor to sign for, and the Town to accept, a grant of up to \$1.425 million from the US Department of Energy for the purpose of implementing a local energy-efficient and renewable energy program.**

A **motion** was passed unanimously to **approve the application by WSSC for an addendum to their existing Town permit approved on December 7, 2009 to excavate and replace sewer mains and connections on the 6800 block of Wells Parkway, 4300 block of Clagett Road, 4300 block of Van Buren Street, 6800 block of Pineway, and 6700 block of 44th Avenue. It will extend the permit date to November 1, 2010. The Mayor and Chief of Police are granted the authority to permit WSSC to park two tracked construction vehicles on Town streets as long as safety and access are not an issue.**

Because WSSC originally notified Hyattsville's municipal government, not University Park (misunderstanding which municipality had jurisdiction), the work represented in this latest permit request is a significant increase over the original planned work. **WSSC may end up paying for about 20% of these street repairs.**

Re a timeline for the work, the Mayor said that Van Buren Street, with 382 lineal feet of sewer line needing repair, would take approximately one week. Other street sections would take less time as they are shorter. **The work is needed because our sewer system is leaking due to its age.**

Mr. Beall said the current permit expires July 1st but needs to be extended to November 1st to accommodate the work. Attorney Ferguson said permanent patch had to be installed everywhere WSSC performed work. **Whether or not WSSC pays for half-width or full-width repaving of the affected streets still is being negotiated.** UP has retained the option of paving through the WSSC contractors or through a Town contractor with monies released from the WSSC escrow funds. CM Mallino said after WSSC's work is completed, the Town should consider waiting 12 months to allow for ground settlement before carrying out any permanent mill-and-overlay street repair. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS!

NEW LOCATIONS will go under construction during September. Residents should expect temporary service disruptions and extensive excavation to reach the 12' depth of the sewer main. You also may expect parking inconvenience during the work hours. Please check the Town web site or call Town Hall to see if your block will be one of these areas. **NOTE ALSO:** WSSC has decided to replace all of the manholes in the work areas. Therefore, **all other planned work was/will be delayed for a few weeks** while concrete manholes are cast to replace the eight manholes that will be affected by the ongoing or upcoming work on Van Buren Street, 44th Avenue, Pineway, and Clagett Road. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Public Works Director Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org or 301-927-4262 x200.

**"If the eye has no tear,
The soul has no rainbow."**

Anonymous



NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS

Please discard the yellow Annual Info Sheet that you received in your July/August NEWSLETTER. In error, Town Hall gave the wrong copy to the printer. That copy is being replaced with the (neon yellow) correct copy, labeled "Correct Revised Copy," that has been inserted in this (Sep) issue.



COMMUNITY WISH LIST

⊙ The Prince George's County Historical Society has a current project of creating a coffee table book. At this time, they especially are interested in **seeking historic photographs of Northwestern High School.** Photographs will be accepted until the end of September. Teachers/alumni who have photos they would be willing to share should contact George Denny, one of the authors, at 301-641-3147, ASAP. For more information, please visit www.pghistory.org.

⊙ The 2010 Fall/Winter Sale of the **University Park Children's Clothing Co-op** will be held on Saturday, **October 23rd** from 10 AM-NOON at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Featured merchandise will include seasonal and holiday items, clothes for tots to teens, toys, books, baby equipment, much more. **The Co-op welcomes individuals who would be interested in participating** in the upcoming Sale either by working at the Sale (in exchange for shopping privileges during the member only shopping time on Friday) or by selling their own good-quality children's items as a substitute seller. For details about either opportunity, please contact new President Ellen Thorp (thorp.ellen@gmail.com or 301-277-3040). Look for all the details about this popular Sale in the October NEWSLETTER.

◎ The University Park Children's Clothing Co-op would like to **acknowledge Kimberly Nugent** who has retired from her years of dedicated service as President of the UPCCC. The new President is **Ellen Thorp**. Kimberly, a College Heights Estates resident, had been a Co-op member since 1996 and her two children, Andrew and Caroline, now teenagers, literally grew up with the Co-op. During her tenure as President, Kimberly increased the participation of the Co-op membership, expanded the reach of publicity to new areas, and ensured the same high quality standards for all the items available at the Co-op Sales. Currently, Kimberly is a realtor with the Dixie Meadows Team at RE/MAX Sails, Inc., as well as an active and engaged mother and wife.



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HARRY MOSES HORTON, 75, University Park's quintessential call-a-bus driver and morning Metro shuttle driver, died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on July 2, 2010 while undergoing an operation at George Washington Hospital. The shock of his passing reverberated from University Park to Lewisdale where Harry had resided for 21 years, and through the hearts of relatives in South Carolina, of his church family in Silver Spring, and his band members and many musical contacts.

Harry was born on November 7, 1934, in Florence, South Carolina, the younger child of Harry Moses Horton, Sr. and Hattie Horton. The family moved to Northwest Washington, D.C. when Harry was a child.

Harry's musical talent officially surfaced when he was a handsome young student at Garnet Patterson Junior High School. He won a first place trophy in the School's Talent Contest by playing his renditions of Little Richard's *Good Golly, Miss Molly* and Ray Charles' *Georgia* on the piano. However, he never had taken any piano lessons, didn't know how to read music, and had taught himself to play...by ear! While at Garnet Patterson, he was a member of a Rhythm & Blues quartet called "The Rainbows." They performed at school functions, entered the school's talent shows, and earned a little pocket money performing at community block parties. Harry finished his schooling at Dunbar High School,

Harry started working when he was 15 years old and got a job as a disc jockey for radio station WWDC. At age 18, he composed and recorded his first single record. It was an instrumental he titled "Bad Whiskey," and he considered it a good hit when it was played on WWDC. Also when Harry was 18, he fell in love with and married Margaret Love Gosha, who was 21. He said she was the most beautiful girl he ever had seen, and it didn't matter that she couldn't cook; Harry taught her how to cook. Most of Harry's regular career was as a cook. He had worked for Hot Shoppes, the Marriott Hotel, Catholic University, Gallaudet College, and at his final position, at the Navy Yard. When Margaret became paralyzed by a spinal tumor in 1982, Harry put aside his dream for a career in music and stopped working to be able to give her the care she needed.

In the 30 years before his wife was stricken, Margaret sang to Harry's keyboard music and they performed at school and birthday celebrations, family reunions and cook-outs, and holiday parties. They also found time to raise their daughter LaVerne, who remembers that her daddy never ever gave her a spanking. When he came home from work and her mother said to spank her because she had been a bad girl, Harry would pick her up and walk around the house holding her tightly and kissing her and

saying how much he loved her. LaVerne also remembers that when she saw him coming down the street from the bus stop each evening, she'd run and jump in his arms and Harry would carry her home -- for several blocks. And when she got too old to carry, Harry said, you just hold my hand now; you're getting big enough to carry me!

After Margaret died in 2002, Harry became the senior & handicapped call-a-bus driver for University Park. After the bus's trial period, that service was expanded to include a morning and afternoon shuttle service to the PG Plaza Metro station. Much of the raving success of our bus service can be attributed to Harry Horton. His consistently cheery disposition and the conscientious caring way he served UP's senior and handicapped population had riders looking forward to their trips with Harry to and from their appointments, even when their destinations would not be enjoyable. Harry had cinched the success of the trial call-a-bus service and then made the morning shuttle rides memorable by playing music he had created.

Harry formed two successful musical groups: "God's Choice" and "The Seniors." God's Choice was a Gospel band with poetry reading that Harry formed in 2003. Harry played a keyboard background for a lady saxophonist and a poetry reader. The Seniors was a group of all male horn players, plus one guitar and one bass player. Harry played piano and mixed music with his keyboards (often including drums, more guitars and bass, and violins and harps). Both groups performed at senior apartments, nursing homes, hospitals, local Baptist Churches, the Takoma Station Theatre, and at the Hyattsville Firefighter's and Hyattsville Policemen's Christmas balls every year from 2003-2008. On his own, Harry worked with Annette Matthew-Grant, aka Misty Blue, a jazz and opera singer. Most recently, the duo performed for the Washington, D.C. Seniors' Beauty Pageant at the Lincoln Theatre. When Harry was 70, he learned to play chords, though he still had not learned to

read music. However, only playing by ear, Harry had cut two CDs with Misty Blue, 3 CDs with God's Choice, and 2 CDs with The Seniors. And just before his operation, he finished pre-recording a 3rd CD with The Seniors that will be released soon. LaVerne is planning to hold a CD-Release Party and invite all those who attended Harry's wake and services.

Besides his life-long love of music, some of Harry's "favorites" were: playing checkers (LaVerne never saw anyone who could beat Harry); wearing hats (and being a very sharp dresser); eating fried chicken (which he'd be happy to do every day) -- yet showing his diversity by also relishing the vegan food at Berwyn Café (where he played for their Open Mike Nights on occasional weekends). He loved everything Ray Charles (and collected all his records and CDs), and he loved everyone on his bus route, but especially the ladies that he took to the Giant each week (LaVerne said he mentioned several times that he loved his "little ladies").

Harry was predeceased by his parents Harry Horton, Sr. and Hattie Horton; his sister Jenamaye Horton Johnson; and his beloved wife of 50 years, Margaret Love Gosha Horton. Survivors include his daughter LaVerne Lea Horton of Lewisdale, MD; his stepsister Katherine Royal and his stepbrother Tyrone Smith.

GRACE FRANTZ WRIGHT, 94, a much loved former Kindergarten teacher at University Park Elementary School (UPES), passed away on July 26, 2010, at the Brethren Retirement Community in Greenville, Ohio. Grace was born in Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania on April 10, 1916, to Henry H. and Annie L. Frantz. Grace was the youngest of three daughters and one son. In pictures, she was always the cute little girl with long ringlets of curls. Grace attended Elizabethtown College and received a 2-year teaching degree in 1938. She then taught 5 years in a one-room schoolhouse in Rheams, PA.

When Grace first met Perry Wright, he lived in VA and she lived in PA. Each time they wrote to each other, he put away a quarter and she put away a dime. Years later, when they married on June 4, 1939, they purchased a piano with that money! Grace's heritage was music. The Frantz Clan were singers and musicians, whistlers and harmonizers! Singing was an integral part of their work and play, and Grace had inherited the wonderful gift of singing. Perry and Grace raised three daughters: Jeanne, Linda, and Sandra. Grace always made sure there was music in their home. Saturday mornings were spent cleaning the house to the same stack of records that were flipped over and over until all the jobs were done. On car trips, they sang and harmonized the miles away. And for a period of time, Grace took her daughters with her and they sang hymns together at a "Mission" in Washington, D.C. For 40 years, Grace directed the University Park Church of the Brethren (UPCB) Choir. Under her guidance, the Choir was renowned throughout the Brethren denomination for the beautiful music they created.

After they married, Grace and Perry moved to North College Park and Grace began to teach for a kindergarten cooperative in University Park. At first, the class was held at UPCB; then, it moved to the original UP School House on the corner of Tuckerman Street and 44th Avenue. When Maryland included kindergarten as part of the public school system, the parents wanted Grace to continue teaching. But to do so, she needed a 4-year degree. So Grace simply enrolled at the University of Maryland, and earned a B.A. in Education. Then she continued to teach kindergarten for a total of 32 years! She was an inspired teacher, beloved by staff and students alike, some of whom kept in touch with her until her death. *[Ed.NOTE: Grace taught five of my six children, and she was loved by parents as much as children. As a first-time parent of a kindergartener at Back-to-School-Night, the other parents and I were charmed and put at ease by Grace's big smile as she promised that, "If you don't believe everything your child tells you about*

me, I won't believe everything your child tells me about you!"]

Grace's classrooms always reflected her love of music. Children marched and sang and played instruments throughout the day as Grace played the piano or autoharp for them. When she taught her students their alphabet, they learned to make the letter by drawing animals; "A" was a penguin. And this began a life-long love of penguins. Her kindergarteners studied a whole unit on penguins and each class made a penguin book. She loved her collection of penguins which were sent to her from around the world by family, school staff, and even students from their travels. When Grace retired from teaching in 1982, the Governor honored her as an "Educator of the Year for Maryland."

Each summer, Grace returned to her Pennsylvania roots for a Frantz Family Reunion where generations of Frantz's gathered to sing and enjoy fellowship together. Both her children's choirs with specially adapted songs and "Clan" lyrics, and just singing with Grace and her autoharp under the trees are special memories for many generations of Frantz cousins. Sadly, in 1996, Grace had a stroke that changed her world in many ways, but the biggest loss was not being able to sing. In 2001, she moved to Greenville, Ohio and began her life at the Brethren Retirement Center. She truly did enjoy the time she resided there and cherished all the wonderful new friends she had made. Her family and friends always will remember her delightful sense of humor, especially later in life.

[Ed.Note: One final memory was sent from my middle daughter, Amy Harris Reh-kemper, who was in Grace's kindergarten in 1979-80, one of the last classes Grace taught at UPES. Amy remembers, "When I was in kindergarten, Mrs. Wright taught me how to braid and how to draw a penguin! Her love of penguins made such an impression on me that I started a collection that I still have today. She was always, always smiling. She was composed, but cheerful. She was kind and fair and made school a place I loved to

attend. I always will remember her beautiful bright white hair and her fantastic penguin skirt. I still can envision her sitting in a rocker in front of me and all my 5-year-old friends singing a sweet little song that, come to think of it, summarizes my memory of her the best: 'It's a hap, hap, happy day; toodle loodle, loodle lay; the sun shines bright, everything's all right, and the clouds all roll away...' -- I'll miss you, Mrs. Wright!"]

In addition to her parents, Grace was predeceased by her husband of fifty years, Perry S. Wright; her daughter Sandra Lynn Parker; her sisters, Irene S. Bittinger and Laura S. Pfautz; and her brother, Aamon Frantz. Survivors include her daughters: Jeanne (and Dawes) Garrett of Arlington Heights, IL, and Linda (and Dan) Craine of Dayton, OH; her grandchildren: Michael Garrett, Linnea Garrett, David House, Suzanne House, John House, and Christine Parker; and her great-grandchildren: Benjamin Garrett, Alex Garrett, Lilly Garrett, and Sebastian Garrett. A Memorial Service was held on July 29th at the Brethren Retirement Chapel in Greenville, OH, and a final service will be held at 10 AM on September 10th at the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren in Bethel, PA. Those who wish, may make a donation "In memory of Grace Frantz Wright" to: The American Diabetes Association, 644 Linn Street, Suite 304, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203.



CONGRATULATIONS

© To **Jill Moss Greenberg**, a resident of Tuckerman Street, who was **selected as one of Maryland Life magazine's "Legendary Ladies"** for its inaugural list of **ten "Women Who Have Changed the Face of Maryland."** These amazing women included three others who are living and such renowned persons as Rachel Carson, Harriet Ross Tubman, and Elizabeth Ann Seton. All ten were chosen for being notable women who impacted Maryland's history in such a positive and enduring way that our great state has been and has stayed reformed, improved, and enriched.

Jill Moss Greenberg has been working against social injustice and educational inequality since she was a teen. Her 41-year, never-ending, career and focus in Maryland has been highlighted by: co-founding our State and County Women's Political Causes; initiating the first task forces to address child care and aging; working to pass the MD Equal Rights Amendment, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title IX; instituting the "Black History at Your Doorstep Project;" developing a program for "Homeless Education" in Baltimore County schools that became a model utilized throughout the nation; and helping found the Women's Center & Referral Service and our County Women's Action Coalition. Her vision always has been that each person makes a difference and "something can be done" about social inequities.

Currently, Jill is the Executive Director of the new Maryland Women's Heritage Center (MWHC) in Baltimore, whose mission is to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of MD women and girls of diverse backgrounds and regions. Since 1985, the MD Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of MD annually have honored several Maryland women by inducting them into the "MD Women's Hall of Fame," which now will be housed at the MWHC. Jill was so honored in 1995.

© To the newly-elected officers of the **University Park Woman's Club** who will serve a two-year term from July 2010 to June 2012: President - **Anna-Mae Kobbe** of Woodberry Street; Vice President - **Sharon Matthews** of East-West Highway; Recording Secretary - **Jacqueline Groppe** of Pineway; Corresponding Secretary - **Margaret Callaghan** of 40th Avenue; Treasurer - **Nicole Lucier** of 40th Avenue; Director (the immediate past President) - **Helen Andreno** of Takoma Park; and Membership Chair - **Michelle Wedge** of 40th Avenue. Read in this NEWSLETTER about the exciting program they have planned to highlight their first meeting of the 2010-2011

Club year. Meetings are open to everyone who might be interested.

☉ To Senior Girl Scout **Allison Leonardi** of Queens Chapel Road who has earned the highest recognition in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award. Allison completed a full schedule of requirements as well as her individual Gold Award project: creating and organizing a group of high school tutors who regularly met with the children in the "Before-and-After-Care" class at UP Elementary School throughout the school year. The tutors offered both one-on-one help with homework and individual assistance for specific academic needs. Allison also was the recipient of a scholarship from the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. A recent graduate of the Washington International School, Allison will attend Saint Mary's College in St. Mary's City, MD in spring 2011, after working as a nanny in Paris during the fall semester!

Allison's **Girl Scout Troop 1392** was proud to have THREE Scouts who earned their Gold Award; Taylor LaChance of Riverdale Park revamped the food pantry that serves the soup kitchen at St. Jerome's Church in Hyattsville and Mattie Snider of College Heights Estates (CHE) implemented a sign language class at the Adelphi Pool so members and staff could communicate more effectively. This active Senior/Cadette troop is led by **Michele Leonardi** of Queens Chapel Road and Kimberly Nugent of CHE.

☉ To **Ellen Thorp** of Tuckerman Street, the new President of the University Park Children's Clothing Co-op. Ellen has been a UPCCC member since 2008 and has participated in nine sales as a volunteer, a substitute seller, and a member. She also served as the UPCCC Publicity Co-chair. Besides having the opportunity to find fashionable "hand-me-downs" for her two children (5-year-old **Esther** and 3-year-old **Ruthie**), Ellen says she loves the Clothing Co-op because twice a year, she gets "to work with the fantastic, dedicated women who are Co-op members." Ellen says she likes

"helping other families save money, save time, and help the environment by reducing their family's carbon footprint." Ellen is looking forward to continuing the great community service that the UPCCC has provided for 33 years...since 1977. She also is hoping to attract new people and communities to the Sale who never have attended, while keeping the "local" atmosphere of the sale that makes it so unique when compared with other area consignment-type sales.

☉ To the **University Park Community Solar LLC**. On Tuesday, July 27th, the Solar Group was awarded a grant for \$10,935.00 from the **Maryland Energy Administration** (MEA). Photos were taken with the solar roof of the **University Park Church of the Brethren** (UPCB) in the background as UPCCSolar President **David Brosch** of Tuckerman Street and seven UPCCSolar members accepted a giant 3' x 6' check from MEA representatives Joe Cohen and Mike Hartley. After the photo shoot, UPCCSolar members along with citizens from University Park, Greenbelt, Bethesda, Mt. Pleasant, Alexandria, and Clarksville, and representatives of UPCCB and Green DC Reality met with Mr. Cohen and Mr. Hartley to discuss the idea of community solar initiatives. The meeting ended with a discussion of how to promote solar energy in other MD communities. The award money will be used mainly for the "heavy up" required by Pepco to update the Church's electrical system so it can accommodate the new electrical requirements of the solar panels.

☉ **CORRECTION** - In the July/August 2010 issue wedding announcement, Jon Cron's uncle was incorrectly listed as Alan Cron; his correct name is **Alan Parker**. Also, the school where Shannon Cron teaches middle school classes is the **St. Jane de Chantal School**, not the St. Jane deChantal Middle School. And, Michael Cron previously worked as Director of Operations for Three Brothers International, not at the "original Three Brothers Restaurant in Greenbelt." The NEWSLETTER regrets these errors.

ATTENTION, ENTERPRISING TEENS

EARN EXTRA \$\$ AT IN-TOWN JOBS!

The October NEWSLETTER will be listing the names of University Park teens (ages 12.5 to 19) who would like to offer their various services to Town residents. To sign up for this FREE fringe benefit, **e-mail** upnews@yahoo.com (or take your information to the Editor at 6703 44th Avenue). Include your **NAME, AGE, PHONE NUMBER, WARD**, and the **TYPES OF** (fall/winter) **SERVICES** you would like to offer (e.g. babysitting, pet sitting, leaf raking, snow removal, etc.), as well as a contact **ADDRESS** (and indicate whether you want it printed too, if room allows). Please sign up before September 1st, the October deadline.



SEPTEMBER FUN IN GREENBELT

⊙ The **Greenbelt Labor Day Festival** was started in 1955 as a way of raising funds to build a Youth Center and it has continued to be held for 56 years! From that first small home-town celebration, the Festival has become one of the oldest and largest Labor Day celebrations on the entire East Coast! For your convenience, **free shuttle rides** will be available from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School parking lot and the Greenbelt Armory to the Festival sites. (All parking near the Festival site and Roosevelt Town Center is reserved for handicapped and emergency vehicle parking.)

- The Festival offers an amazing variety of events from 9 AM-10 PM, **September 3rd to September 6th**. Plan to enjoy all the traditional activities: the "Miss Greenbelt" contests (4 age-groups open to all); a variety of bands & entertainment; home-town-style competitive games, sports, & contests; carnival rides on the midway; special events for children; art/photo shows, an "Artful Afternoon" program on Sunday; public service exhibits & information booths; a HUGE used book sale of more than 20,000 books (that has netted the Greenbelt Elementary PTA over \$9,000); plus ALL kinds of food and

snacks, and an old-fashioned **Labor Day Parade on Monday (at 10 AM)**. Please visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday for a complete daily schedule of Festival activities.

- A special **Labor Day Festival Artful Afternoon** will be held from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, **September 5th**. During this time, visitors are welcome to tour the Community Center's nine artists' studios. From 1 to 3 PM, weather permitting, artists-in-residence will be roving the midway with garden art carts tempting the crowds to make a free garden-inspired craft in conjunction with the new historic Greenbelt gardening exhibit, "Green From the Start!" A rain location will be offered in the Greenbelt Community Center.



SOARING INTO SEPTEMBER

The **College Park Aviation Museum** (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) will offer 2 workshops, a film, a time to explore, a free day, "Trains & Planes," and 2 regular kids programs! Museum hours are offered daily, 10 AM-5 PM; all children must be accompanied by an adult. To get more information, please visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com or call the Museum (301-864-6029/TTY 301-864-4765).

⊙ On the first Saturday of every month, kids and adults are invited to travel "**Around the World with Wilbur Wright**" from NOON to 4 PM. Without leaving the Museum, you can create a passport, visit foreign sites, and learn a little bit about aviation history. On **September 4th**, you can start your trip around the world at the CPAM's front desk. **FREE with Museum admission** →→→→ **FWMA**

⊙ **Wilbur's Workshop** - On **September 11th** at 1 PM, visitors are invited to learn about the work and craftsmanship that went into making early aircraft by watching a rib making demonstration in Wilbur's Hangar. After a 1909 Wright wing rib is constructed, one lucky person will win a drawing for the rib and get to take it home. **FWMA**

◎ **Hollywood Flyers** - Plan now for a monthly Saturday movie at 1 PM! This series of famous films features Hollywood blockbusters, classics, and documentaries with a flight theme. Lemonade and popcorn are included. On **September 18th**, see **"*batteries not included"** (PG). *Long-time apartment tenants seek the aid of alien mechanical life-forms to save their building from demolition.* (NOTE: The next Hollywood Flyers film will be "Hocus Pocus" on October 23rd.) **FWMA**

◎ On **September 4th-6th** from 10 AM to 5 PM, CPAM will host a **"Trains and Planes"** exhibit. The National Capital Trackers allow you to review history through miniature trains, villages, tunnels, stations, and depots. So come spark your imagination with their captivating and constantly-moving display of model railroads, seen at their finest. **FWMA**

◎ The **Smithsonian Magazine's 2010 Museum Day** will be on Saturday, **September 25th**. From 10 AM to 5 PM, any visitor (plus one guest) who presents a Museum Day Admission Card (MDAC) will receive FREE admission to CPAM. The cards are available in Smithsonian Magazine's September 2010 issue or they may be downloaded from www.smithsonianmagazine.com/museumday. The CPAM MDAC will include the "Model Rocket Workshop" described below. **FWMA**

◎ **CPAM Model Rocket Workshop** - On Saturday, **September 25th** at 1 PM, enjoy building and testing an air powered rocket and an Alka-Seltzer powered rocket. The participants with the highest rocket launches will be awarded a prize. Please call the Museum to pre-register. **FWMA**

◎ Parents may like to make note of two regular year-round children's programs: The **Peter Pan Club** (2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10:30 AM) is for story time and a hands-on craft activity. **Afternoon Aviators** (Fridays from 2-4:30 PM) is for ages 5 & older to enjoy fun, hands-on, aviation-themed activities. Private group reservations may be scheduled for either program. Both are **FWMA**

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES AT CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE)** events are FREE and are held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue) unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for classes/special activities, please contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013; or visit www.cpae.org for more info.

◎ **The College Park Youth Choir** - Students ages 5 and older will work with high-energy director Chris Fominaya (the UPES Music/Drama teacher) to develop strong vocal skills and perform for the public several times a year. Fall semester fees remain at \$85 per semester per child. If your young singer might enjoy being part of a fun yet educational experience, please attend the **CPYC Open House** from 6:30-8:30 PM on Tuesday, **September 7th** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4512 College Avenue, CP).

◎ In the style of *Commedia delle Zanni*, the New Old Theater will present **"Servants of No Mastery"** on Friday, **September 10th** at 7:30 PM. With much hilarity, the actors improvise so at any moment, characters might break into a dance or a song. The outrageous manners and humor of the servants (called "zanni") yields our modern term of zany comedy. In other words, anything can happen and it will! Suitable for all ages. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door; please contact CPAE to reserve your tickets and get your free parking permit.

◎ **The College Park Youth Orchestra** - Young string players will develop their sight-reading and ensemble skills under the direction of experienced conductor Ken Whitley. Students rehearse at the OPH twice a month and perform three public concerts during the year. Fees are \$275 per year per child. Students must be taking lessons; auditions to join the Intermediate Ensemble will be held on Sunday, **September 12th**. Rehearsals for both groups begin **September 19th**. Early

registration is recommended as spaces are limited. Call for details or visit www.cpyo.net.

⊙ On **September 12th** at 3 PM, 4 actors, 25 characters, 70 costume changes, and plenty of swordfights equals "**The Three Musketeers**" in a riot of action in less than an hour! Bring the kids to this event, ideal for ages 3 and older; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested for this popular event as space is limited. Pay-as-you-can donations are much appreciated for these high quality events.

⊙ **Arts Drop-In** is a fun and creative arts workshop led by Aaron Springer for children ages 3-8 and their parents. From 2-4 PM on **September 26th**, enjoy cutting and pasting while you explore the world of collage!

⊙ This fall, **CPAE** is offering three **extracurricular classes**. To reserve a spot for Music, ASAP send your registration/check for \$150 to CPAE. To reserve a spot in EITHER adult/teen class, ASAP e-mail info@cpae.org. All classes will be held at the CP Old Parish House at the intersection of Knox Road and Dartmouth Road. For more information or if you have questions, call 301-927-3013.

- **Music with Mr. MI** - Eric Maring will offer his 12-week fall session of "Sing to the Heart" music classes for age birth to 5 years on Mondays, beginning **September 13th**. Class size is limited to ten kids and two sessions are available (4:45-5:30 PM and 5:45-6:30 PM). There is a 10% discount for siblings.

- **Silver Soldering with Lucy Dirksen** - This 8-week class for adults and teens 15 & older will be held on Mondays from 7-9 PM, beginning **September 20th**. Learn to recycle old silver into beautiful new jewelry you design yourself. Registration/fee is \$85; supplies will be provided for a nominal amount.

- **Digital Photography with Aaron Springer** - This 8-week class for adults and teens 15 & older will be held on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 PM, beginning on **September**

23rd. Get the most out of your digital camera by learning step-by-step about all the secrets that professional photographers use to create stunning photographs. The registration/fee is \$85.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

⊙ The **UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** opens its 2010-2011 season by offering themed programs on "Origins" and "Gershwin" as well as the "Take Five Tuesday" program; many performances are **FREE!** For questions, reservations, or a copy of the new catalog, contact 301-405-2787 or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

- *The Matter of Origins: "A Panel Discussion & Star Gazing"* on Wednesday, **September 8th** at 8 PM in the Metzerott Road UM Observatory - Leading UM Astronomy faculty will give brief overviews of origins that relate to their areas of interest, followed by Q&As and...stargazing -- weather permitting. Make reservations at www.astro.umd.edu/openhouse (required). **FREE**

- *The Matter of Origins: "Liz Lerman Dance Exchange"* on Friday, **September 10th** at 8 PM & Sunday, **September 12th** at 3 PM in Kay Theatre - World Premiere of a dance about physics in Two Acts and a lively meditation on how the human mind can imagine, discern, speculate, and draw conclusions. Act One is the dance illuminated by video and soundscape; Act Two involves tea and chocolate cake with audience responses! **NOTE:** A limited capacity "Morning After" discussion session will be held at 10 AM on **September 11th** at the Studio (7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park). RSVP to Emily at 301-270-6700x13 or emilym@danceexchange.org.

- Take Five's "**Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers**" on Tuesday, **September 14th** at 5:30 PM in Kogod Theatre - Mark Tayac & the Piscataways will perform authentic Indian dances, drumming, and songs while providing insights about traditions and

history to bridge the divide between cultures. **NOTE:** Each "Take Five Tuesday" is an interactive, informal series offering an opportunity to explore a range of performing arts. **FREE**

- See Take Five's "Pre-show Gershwin Medley" on Tuesday, **September 21st** at 5:30 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - Pianist Kodanashvili will play excerpts from the Gershwin Songbook; pianist Zagor will perform improvisations; and Gershwin scholar Crawford and Post-Classical's Horowitz and Gil-Ordóñez will share insights about Gershwin's work. **FREE**

- "Gershwin Songbook" on Tuesday, **September 21st** at 8 PM in Gildenhorn Recital Hall - The pianists will explore "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," and more. **FREE**

- "Gershwin Project: Russian Gershwin" on Friday, **September 24th** at 8 PM in Dekelbourn Concert Hall - **Post-Classical Ensemble** revisits Gershwin's work with the Russian pianists, performing *Rhapsody in Blue*, *Three Preludes*, *Concerto in F*, and *Cuban Overture*. (**NOTE:** A **Pre-Show Discussion** will be held with Post-Classical Ensemble at 7 PM, tentatively in Gildenhorn Recital Hall.) **FREE**

⊙ The **Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC)** (123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op Grocery Store; www.greenbeltartscenter.org or 301-441-8770) holds performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM and on Sundays at 2 PM.

The GAC opens its 2010-2011 season with "**Volpone**" by Ben Jonson on **September 24th through Oct 16th**. (*Volpone*, an elderly Venetian miser, and his servant Mosca are operating a droll fraud with huge success. Volpone pretends he is dying and the two convince his greedy friends, in turn, that each will be V's sole heir. To insure their preference, the friends shower V with rich gifts which they expect to get back soon -- as well as expecting to inherit the old man's fortune). This adaptation modernizes the language without losing the lilt of poetry that Ben Johnson wrote. It is directed by Bill Jones.

Residents who have enjoyed the local theatrical presentations of GAC (like last spring's memorable production of *Man of La Mancha*) may be interested in their **Restroom Rescue Project**. The cost to renovate GAC's rusty, failing restrooms is estimated between \$47,000 and \$50,000 (to assure that they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act). This means that it will be a very big project for a very small community theater. They already have a foundation grant of \$5,000 but the support of audience members is going to be vital to their obtaining other grants in the future. Though a more comprehensive drive will begin soon, early contributions would be much appreciated. See more details on their website.

⊙ The **Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road; 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) opens its 2010-11 season in October.

⊙ The **Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** also will open its 2010-2011 season in October. For more information, please call 240-567-5775, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.



SEPTEMBER AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the lovely early-Federal Riversdale House Museum (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available Fridays and Sundays on the quarter hour, from 12:15 to 3:15 PM; group tours are available by appointment. No charge for Gift Shop visits during tour hours. Free open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544. Sign up for classes and activities at www.pgpc.org or 301-583-BOOK (w/touch-tone phone). **NOTE:** All fees listed are for P.G. County residents.

Throughout September, the Riversdale House Museum is hosting "**Flanders in the Fall**," an assortment of activities celebrating the Flemish heritage of Rosalie Stier Calvert, the Mistress of Riversdale.

⊙ **"Belgian Brews & Beverages"** - As part of RHM's new "Flanders in the Fall" celebration, on Friday, **September 10th** at 6 PM, Mike Roy, the brew master at Franklin's Restaurant and Brewery in Hyattsville, will talk about his craft. Come learn about the history of Belgium's brewing, its beer styles, and an American approach to the genre. Then join Mike for a question-and-answer session and sample some of his brews and others -- including the limited-edition release of "Rosalie." Inspired by Rosalie Stier Calvert, the Mistress of Riversdale, it is a mysterious beer brewed with fruits and botanicals that were harvested from Riversdale's own interpretive gardens! Call or e-mail to register; advance payment (\$20) is required by September 3rd. Attendance is limited to ages 21 and older.

⊙ **"Maman, Papa, et Moi"** is a "Flanders in the Fall" celebration for kids. On Friday, **September 24th** at 6:30 PM, maman or papa are invited to bring their fils et filles in their pajamas for an evening of Flemish fun at the RHM. The program will include a traditional Belgian story, a related craft, and a snack. Call or e-mail to register; the cost is \$6 for one child & adult (\$5 per additional child and \$2 per additional adult). Advance payment is required by September 17th.

⊙ On Sunday, **September 19th** at 5:30 PM, come hear Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts play **"The Music of Flanders and France."** As part of the "Flanders in the Fall" celebration, the program will feature music from the Napoleonic period played on dulcimer, wooden flute, accordion, and hommel (a Flemish lap dulcimer). Karen Ashbrook has inspired the revival of the hakkebord (Flemish hammered dulcimer) in Belgium, and Flanders native Paul Oorts has become an ambassador of Belgian folk music to America! Belgian-inspired light refreshments will be available for purchase before the concert. Call or e-mail to register. **Advance payment is advised as capacity is limited**; tickets are \$15.

⊙ **Double Delight** - In September, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild will host two

Seasonal Selections programs. On **September 12th**, watch as **"One Squash, Two Squash, Three Squash, Four"** presents ways to use the several varieties of squash grown in Riversdale's interpretive gardens in simple recipes. Then on **September 19th**, get ready for **"Simple Simon and his pie man"** when the Guild will demonstrate the art of pie making. Both demonstrations are on Sunday from NOON-3:30 PM. The demonstration is FREE and separate from the Museum House tour.



RPC FALL CRAFT FAIR

Riverdale Presbyterian Church on Queens Chapel Road will hold its **16th Annual Craft Fair** on Saturday, **September 18th** from 9 AM to 4 PM. The Fair again will feature its popular "Used Books" and "White Elephants" rooms, both filled to brimming with exciting finds. Residents are invited to browse through an array of unique hand-crafted items and gifts, including jewelry, pillows, pewter items, doll clothing, wreaths, wood carvings, and a "salmagundi" of surprises. Stay for lunch and enjoy chili, hot dogs, and delicious home-baked goodies.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

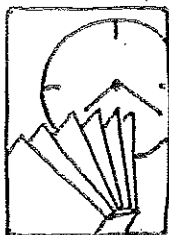
*"I've never known any trouble
that an hour's reading didn't assuage."*
Charles De Secondat

⊙ **The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927- 3013) meets monthly on Fridays from 7:30-9 PM at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox & Dartmouth) for lively conversation in a fun, casual setting. Their on-going theme is mostly literary non-fiction by women. Guests are welcome to drop in on a meeting any time! Their selection for **September 17th** will be **"Asleep: The Forgotten Epidemic that Remains One of Medicine's Greatest Mysteries"** by Molly Caldwell Crosby. (An account of the epidemic sleeping sickness, encephalitis lethargic, that profiles seven sleepers and

their physicians.) On October 15th, the Club will be discussing "Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature" by Linda J. Lear.

◎ The Hyattsville Branch Library (6530 Adelphi Road; 301-985-4690) sponsors a book discussion group monthly on every third Saturday at 3 PM. On **September 18th**, they will discuss "**Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why**" by Bart D. Ehrman. Their selection for October 16th will be "*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*" by M.A. Shaffer and A. Barrows.

◎ The After Eight Book Club, a group open to all interested men, women, and couples, will begin its 2010-2011 Club year on **September 21st** at 8 PM to discuss "**Wolf Hall**" by Hilary Mantel, a 560-page fiction that won the Booker prize and a National Book Critics' award. (This beautifully-written novel expounds on the times and court of Henry VIII from the perspective of a sympathetically-depicted Thomas Cromwell, and provides a historically accurate antidote to HBO's more lurid "The Tudors." The pragmatic but forward-thinking Cromwell, a self-made polymath, is driven by, and honors above all else, the future of a free England. However... those who loved Sir Thomas More from "A Man for All Seasons" might be unpleasantly surprised.) The group welcomes new members. If you have questions or would like directions to attend this month's discussion, please call Laura Donnelly (301-927-6550). On October 20th, their selection will be the James M. Cain book of your choice (either: *Mildred Pierce*, *Double Indemnity*, or *The Postman Always Rings Twice*). The **October meeting will be held in the UP home where Mr. Cain lived until his death in 1977!**



UPCA PLAY GROUP "MEET & GREET"

Calling all Parents of Infants and Preschoolers! Play groups are a GREAT way for babies and children to develop and

practice their social skills! And...the easiest way to find or form a play group is by attending the annual Play Group "Meet & Greet" sponsored by the UP Civic Association (UPCA). Again this year, it will be held at the Tot Lot behind Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 3-5 PM on Sunday, **September 26th**; light refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, a rain date has been set for Sunday, October 3rd from 3-5 PM. Representatives from established groups that would welcome new members are encouraged to attend or to send their contact information to one of the new "Meet & Greet" coordinators. Please call Christine Becraft (christine_n_d@yahoo.com or 240-667-2352) or Michelle Wedge (240-770-6097) if you have questions too.



A NEW YEAR FOR UPCA

Later this month the **University Park Civic Association (UPCA)** will be gearing up for more fun activities in 2010-2011. You can read about the **Playgroup Meet & Greet** in the preceding article and the ever-popular Chili Cook-Off has been planned for Saturday, October 9th. Be forewarned; it's not too early to start testing your best chili recipes if you are hoping to capture the Cook-Off trophy. UPCA meetings are held monthly in Riverdale Presbyterian Church on the last Tuesday at 7 PM. So on **September 28th**, everyone is welcome to join in and help plan a new year of activities. Please check out the full-page flyer in this NEWSLETTER for more information -- and help support the UPCA with your annual \$25 contribution.



UPWC PRESENTS "WINE 101"

Please mark your calendar now: the **University Park Woman's Club** will begin their 2010-2011 Club year with a new program series on Monday, **October 4th** at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Club meetings always begin with fellowship at 11:30 AM and a

simple luncheon at NOON. A special monthly program begins at 12:30 PM, followed by a brief business meeting.

The October program will feature Pineway resident **Dick Groppe** who will present a light-hearted, if somewhat irreverent, look at wine -- its history, how it is made, types of wines, practical tips on storing wine, and local sources for good wines. To top it off, he'll share a few thoughts on pairing wine with food as well as some candid comments about wine critics and wine magazines! Dick is a retired insurance executive who had worked with many companies that happened to be in countries with vibrant wine cultures...like France, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Chile, and South Africa. His amateur wine education began in France in the mid 1980s and he has pursued it passionately as a hobby ever since. Dick's particular interest is the pinot noirs of Oregon where he spends a week each year visiting wine makers in the Willamette Valley area. Enjoying the first-hand benefits of all this knowledge is his wife, Club Recording Secretary **Jacquie Groppe**.

UPWC meetings are held monthly on the first Monday from October through June. Guests always are welcome to attend the meetings and enjoy the monthly programs. Women interested in becoming Club members may join at any time; please contact Michelle Wedge (240-770-6097 or Mdwedge@gmail.com). For more information about the monthly meetings, please contact Anna-Mae Kobbe (301-277-0414 or amkobbe@aol.com).



UPHPA's PRESERVATION NEWS

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) works with several other public agencies in and around Prince George's County to locate, survey, document, restore and preserve many historic County cemeteries. **In response to the growing public interest in cemetery preservation, MNCPPC conducted**

a workshop in mid July to explore the importance of preservation, of conducting an initial survey, and of funding restoration projects. The session, offered at the historic Union United Methodist Church in Upper Marlboro, included a hands-on opportunity for participants to practice their newly acquired skills in the congregation's nearby historic Union Methodist Episcopal Cemetery.

Several members of the University Park Historic Preservation Association (UPHPA) attended the workshop, making contact with many members of the County's cemetery preservation community and gaining valuable information and skills. **The UPHPA's interest in historic cemeteries stems from the fact that a historic cemetery is located in the heart of our Town.** Colonel Leonard M. Deakins, a commander in George Washington's army and an early landholder in what is now University Park, is interred in our cemetery, along with as many as sixteen members of his family! MNCPPC plans to offer the cemetery program again this fall. Those interested may contact Chris Garcia at urbanipm@gmail.com. The UPHPA will notify its membership and also place a notice on the Town web site when details become available.

Looking ahead to October, please save the third Thursday, **October 21st**, for the UPHPA's annual pot luck to open the 2010-2011 season. The group will discuss possible programs for the year and aspects of UP's 75th anniversary celebration in 2011. Why not start a little research now and choose a "historic" recipe to share for the occasion.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The **University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER** loves publishing the milestones of former and current UP families (births, weddings and obituary notices; graduations and honors; school, sports & community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents.

Please send articles to upnews@yahoo.com or to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Inquire at the Town Hall:
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FOR NEW
UP RESIDENTS
Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmoondock@aol.com

LOST PET DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill (301-927-6743). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.



NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE HOSTING
THESE FUN FREE EVENTS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

UPCOMING FALL AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

Coming Soon!

PLAYGROUP MEET 'N GREET – Coming THIS MONTH on **Sunday, September 26th** (rain date is October 3rd), this event will be from 3 – 5 PM at the Tot Lot behind Riverdale Presbyterian Church. It's a great way for you and your little ones to meet UP families with children the same age as yours.

Coming Soon!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF – Coming SOON on **Saturday, October 9th** with a live band, great food, and more! Get your best chili recipes ready for the competition!

ANNUAL TOWN TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY PARTY – Event to be held in early December – details forthcoming in the November UP NEWSLETTER.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR INCLUDE:

Town-wide Yard Sale Stream Clean-UP July 4th Parade & Picnic 2nd Annual UPCA Bags Tournament

Online Local Services and Activities Database

Available on the UPCA website: www.upcivicasassociation.org

Welcome Wagon packets for new residents

HELP SUPPORT THE UPCA WITH:

1. **YOUR ANNUAL SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTION** so Town residents may continue to enjoy these FREE events
2. **PEOPLE POWER** to help plan, organize, and run these FUN events
3. **YOUR IDEAS** for more unique activities and events for the UP community

To support the UPCA and its activities, please take a minute to fill out the form below. Send it, with your household's Annual Supporting Contribution (\$25 per household; checks payable to UPCA) to:

University Park Civic Association 6406 Queens Chapel Road University Park, MD 20782

For more information, visit the UPCA website (<http://upcivicasassociation.org>) or contact Lynn Butler (President) at lynnhbutler@aol.com or Carol Cron (Secretary) at carol.cron@hotmail.com or 301-277-4718.

The UPCA meets at Riverdale Presbyterian Church on the last Tuesday of each month (September-May) at 7 PM.

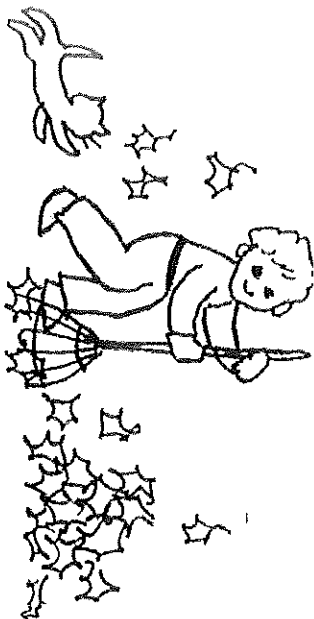
Your attendance at UPCA monthly meetings is WELCOME BUT CERTAINLY NOT REQUIRED!!

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Household Name(s): _____
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I am interested in helping my community with the following activities:

Stream Clean-UP 4th of July Parade & Picnic Chili Cook-Off Town-wide Yard Sale
Welcome Wagon Playgroup Meet 'n Greet Town Holiday Party UP Bags Tournament

Your other ideas are welcome! _____



September 2010

University Park Monthly Planner



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September is National Stacey Month 5 10 AM-2 PM (G&TP*FM) Greenbelt&Takoma PK Farmers Mkt Mkt Greenbelt 1-3 PM Anythg Afternoon (GB-LDF) (CPAM-T&P)	National Organic Stacey Month 6 (CPAM-T&P) Labor Day (Town office closed; no bus service) (GB-LDF) - PARADE BEGINS at 10 AM -	Spanish Heritage Month (September 15th to October 15th) 7 3-6 PM (HY*FM) Hyattsville Farmers Market CP&E Choir Open House SABC 6:30-8:30 PM TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	1 12:00 NOON Deadline for October NEWSLETTER 8 UM 8 PM "The Matter of Origins" Discussion & ☆☆ STARGAZING ☆☆ Meteorit Observatory YARD WASTE RECYCLING	2 3-7 PM (RP*FM) Riverdale Park Farmers Market SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	3 6-11 PM (GB-LDF) Greenbelt's 56th Annual "Labor Day Festival!" Sep 3rd → Sep 6th areas around the Roosevelt Town Center TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	4 7 AM-NOON (CP*FM) College Park Farmers Market CP&M Around the World 10a-4p (GB-LDF) (CPAM-T&P) 10 AM-4 PM "Trains & Planes" Exhibit
12 (G&TP*FM) RHM NOON to 3:30 PM "I Smell 3 Smell 3 Smell 4" CP&E-OPH 3 PM "The Three Musketeers" (UM-LDE 3 PM) CP&E Youth Orchestra (Ensemble Auditions)	13 CP&E Kids' Music begins POLICY & RULES COMMITTEE "PERMITS MEETING" 11:30a, TH 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL MEETING YARD WASTE RECYCLING	14 (HY*FM) Pumawy Election 7 am - 8 pm UM 5:30 PM Piscataway Program TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	15 NEVER LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR 16 (RP*FM) SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING	17 CP&E Book Club 7:30-9 PM "Asleep: The Forgotten Epidemic that Remains One of Medicine's Greatest Mysteries" TOWN TRASH COLLECTION	18 (CP*FM) RPC 9 AM to 4 PM 16th Annual Fall Craft Fair CP&M 1 PM "batteries not included" HX-LI Books 3 PM "Visioning Leslie..."	25 (CP*FM) CP&M Smithsonian Free Day 1 PM - Rocket Workshop (GAC-V, 8 PM)
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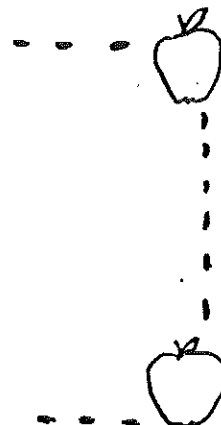
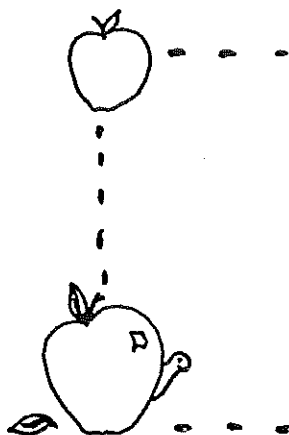
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Ed.NOTE: A SONG FOR HARRY (♪ ♪ ...Sing to your own tune...♪ ♪)

Who's that crooner with the mellow tone?
Who's that "Sonny" by the saxophone?
Who's that friend with the special smile?
It only takes a little while to know it's Harry...

Who's that schoolboy looking pretty cute?
Who's that gent in the dapper suit?
Who's the sharpest-looking guy you ever knew?
It only takes a minute or two to know it's Harry...

Who's that worker with a self-made life?
Who's that husband who adored his wife?
Who's that daddy with a hug around his neck?
It only takes a half a sec to know it's Harry...

Who's that man who makes the keyboard sing?
Who's that driver who's our shuttle king?
Who's that angel with a very special smile?
It only took a little while to see it's Harry.

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may be reached at the Town Hall Office: 301-927-4262 or 301-927-2997.

UP Police Department Chief Michael Wynnyk (upchief@upmd.org): 301-277-0051

Emergencies: 911 UPPD Non-emergency: 301-277-0050 or (cell) 240-375-1077 or (for County Dispatch) 301-333-4000

TOWN HOT-LINES:

For Town Field status updates: 301-927-4262-x-600.

For general Town Bus information: 301-927-4262-x-601.

UP Official Town NEWSLETTER (EDITOR: Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP) upnews@yahoo.com (301-864-0135)

* UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT: 6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP 20782 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES: Dial **9-1-1**
UPPD: 301-277-0050 or (cell) 240-375-1077; OR call County Dispatch (301-333-4000) and request a UP officer

• REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS: There are registered sexual offenders in our zip code. To be on MD's free Sexual Offender Notification Service, contact 1-866-559-8017 or www.dpscs.state.md.us/online/servs/sor/.

• THE UPPD E-LIST: To join the E-List and receive crime alerts for incidents soon after they happen, just mail, e-mail, or telephone the UPPD and provide them with your name, address, address, and a phone number.

• PROTECT YOUR POSSESSIONS: Remember to keep a record of all your serial numbers, to ID ALL your valuable property, and NEVER to leave ANY valuables in your vehicles.

• IDENTIFY YOUR CAR WITH A UP STICKER AND HELP STOP CRIME: One blue & white "UP" sticker per licensed car is available FREE at the Town Hall for all University Park homeowners. Please display the sticker on the driver's side of either your car's back bumper or low on the back window. The stickers enable UPPD officers and other residents to recognize a UP vehicle immediately. Town Hall hours are 9 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday. Please bring a proof of residency.

* PROPER PERMIT PROCEDURE: All UP residents planning to initiate ANY construction projects on their property must check first with the Town Hall to determine whether a Town permit is necessary. Remember; without exception, Town building permit applications and stamped County plans MUST be received in the Town Hall no later than 10 days before a Council meeting. This allows time for your Ward CM to inspect the project.

* UP LANDLORDS: A rental license must be obtained by anyone intending to rent or lease a residence in University Park. All owners who reside in their home and rent to no more than one other person are exempt from the requirement. Rental licenses cost **\$325 per year** and provide a yearly inspection program for all licensed UP rental properties. If you have questions about the license or law, please call the Town Office (301-927-4262).

* IT'S THE LAW: All dogs and cats must be "on a leash" when away from their owner's property. All dog walkers (kids to seniors) must bag their pup's droppings & dispose of the bags in the pet owners' trash receptacle.

* MOSQUITO CONTROL: The State's larvaciding spraying program will continue on Wednesdays through September 8th. Spraying only occurs if: sufficient "counts" are recorded in surveillance traps, weather permits, and human activity is minimal. Of the numerous products sold to eliminate biting adult mosquitoes (e.g. electronic or electrocuting devices, traps, citrosa plants), only citronella oil has been proven effective in repelling adult mosquitoes. The most successful deterrent is eliminating sources of standing water on your property. Remember, mosquito larva can breed in even 1-2 tablespoons of water! For more details, visit www.upmd.org, click UPPWD, then click the MD DOA site under "Mosquitoes."

* BATTERY RECYCLING: The U.S. Department of Transportation established new regulations for the handling, shipping, and transportation of dry cell batteries. So now, ONLY Dry cell batteries weighing less than two (2) pounds may be recycled at the UP Town Hall. Recyclers need to pad the positive (+) end of each battery with a criss-cross or strip of tape. Keeping a roll of electrical tape and small scissors near one's collection receptacle will help make the recycling preparation a snap (and ensure the batteries an uneventful journey to the recycling plant without fear of leaking, breaking, or catching on fire!)

* **TRASH & BULK TRASH COLLECTION:** UP TRASH is collected from your green wheeled tote each Tuesday and Friday; place outside at 7 AM. **NOTE:** We **DO NOT** collect or dispose of **ANY** construction debris. For **BULK TRASH**, visit www.upmd.org and click on "Town Info" and "Contact Us" to arrange for your Tuesday or Friday bulk pick-up. Please wait to put items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon, i.e. refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, etc.

- **YARD WASTE** is collected each Monday in UP. Since yard waste is **composted** rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. And **NOTE:** bamboo and vines (including ivy) are considered trash. Please bag vines and include with your Tuesday/Friday trash collections. To keep our Town looking beautiful, **put yard waste out only the evening before collection**.

- **TRASH AND RECYCLING TOTES:** Remember **not to put out these items earlier than the night before your scheduled Tuesday/Friday and Thursday pick-up days**. Likewise, it is each resident's responsibility to **return the tote from the curb on the same day after pick-up**. Totes stored outside must be **out of view from the street**, at the side or back of one's home. If the most convenient place to locate your totes is a visible one, consider installing attractive wooden surrounds, barrier walls, or lattice and plants to block their view.

- **BLUE RECYCLING TOTE (Thursdays):** Please have your blue recycling tote ready for collection each Thursday at 7 AM in the same manner and place as your green trash tote. **WE DO NOT RECYCLE:** ♦ Any auto parts, motor oil, or antifreeze containers ♦ Hazardous waste products ♦ Medical waste items ♦ Glass, china, or pottery tableware ♦ any hard or soft STYROFOAM ♦ as well as the "excepted" glass listed below.

Use your bright-blue, wheeled, single-stream recycling tote for collecting: ♦ ALL GLASS [except mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, and windowpanes] ♦ MIXED PAPER [Telephone books; Magazines; Boxes; rinsed milk & juice Aseptic cartons; Envelopes; and Newspapers, etc.] ♦ SOME METAL [aerosol Cans; aluminum Foil; and aluminum-bimetal-ferrous & iron-steel food & beverage Containers] ♦ MANY PLASTICS [Grocery bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, and stretch film collected into one "Bag Ball," Plastic glasses, cups, and tableware; Wide-mouth containers and narrow-neck containers #1-7; Flower pots; and Rx containers] and ♦ ALL CLOTHES HANGERS.

- **NOTE:** PLEASE RINSE all containers of food & grease to deter odors/animals. Labels & tabs are ok, and lids are allowed.

* UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

- **Free door-to-door wheelchair accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents** who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, Library or Community Center visits, club meetings, or visits to a neighbor across Town. Reserve your pick-up and return times on weekdays before 1 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within about 5 miles of Town.

- Each Tuesday at 10 AM, the Town Bus makes a trip to the Giant grocery store on East-West Highway across from the Plaza. Senior or handicapped residents interested in this **FREE door-to-door service** simply need to notify the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to shop.

- **UP Metro shuttle service** runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM** and **eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM**. A map (showing the stops) is available at the Town Hall or at www.upmd.org, "Other Documents."

- * **LEAF COLLECTION:** Usually, the Town leaf vacuum is in use from late October through early January. When so advised, residents should rake their leaves just up to the curb line. **DO NOT rake leaves into the gutters or street** and keep leaf piles free of sticks, stones, or other trash and debris. Watch for details in autumn Town NEWSLETTERS.

- * **SNOW REMOVAL:** UP residents (including renters) are requested to remove snow from their private and public front sidewalks within 24 hours after snowing has stopped. Neighbors often help those who can't shovel or folks may want to engage a UP teen worker in advance of the situation. Check the October (and April) NEWSLETTERS for teen workers' contact info.

- * Be sure to **USE "UNIVERSITY PARK"** (not Hyattsville) as your address on your Maryland income tax forms. The State only will compensate a share of State taxes for Town services if University Park is designated as your residence address.

* 2010 LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

- The **Riverdale Park Farmers Market** is open each **Thursday** from **3-7 PM** through November 18th. It is located adjacent to the MARC Station on Queensbury Road. Contact person is Jim (301-332-6258).

- The **College Park Farmers Market** in the Linson Pool parking lot will be open **Saturdays** from **7 AM to NOON** through November 20th. Contact person is Donna Almquist (301-345-2583).

- The **Greenbelt Farmers Market** is open each **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM** through November 21st. It is held in the Greenbelt Aquatic Center parking lot (behind Greenbelt's commercial plaza). www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

- The **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue) is open **every Sunday**, year-round, from **10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.com.

- The **Hyattsville Farmers Market** is open from **2-6 PM** each **Tuesday** through October 26th in the parking lot behind the Queens Chapel Town Center (Queens Chapel Road & Hamilton Street). Contact person is Peggy Campenella (301-627-2583).

The Town of University Park, Maryland, seeks a highly motivated and well-qualified individual as **STEP-UP! Project Manager/Energy Coach** to lead and operate a 3-year community energy efficiency and renewable energy program, which can serve as a model for small towns throughout America.

The STEP UP Project Manager/Energy Coach is a newly established employee position in the Town of University Park that will direct and lead the further development and implementation of the "Sequential Transformative Energy Program for University Park (STEP-UP!)," funded by a 3-year grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The Project Manager's salary will be paid from grant funds.

Sequential Transformative Energy Program for University Park (STEP-UP!)

The Town of University Park has been awarded a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant of \$ 1.425 million to create and operate STEP-UP!, a "Sequential Transformative Energy Program for University Park." The primary goal of STEP-UP! is to retrofit one-third of the buildings in University Park for improved energy efficiency, achieving average annual utility bill savings attributable to the project of 20% per homeowner. A broader goal is to see STEP-UP! replicated in other small towns throughout the United States.

As initially proposed, the STEP-UP! program includes:

- energy audits and retrofits for residential, institutional and public sector buildings;
- leveraged financial incentives to encourage residential retrofits with energy saving equipment;
- use of partners to facilitate local community delivery;
- use of leading edge social marketing and communications techniques to involve residents, and;
- highly innovative elements such as voluntary carbon market applications, and the possibility of integrating the program with a solar energy system.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The STEP-UP! Project Manager/Energy Coach will bear broad and primary responsibility for implementing STEP-UP! as a community energy efficiency and renewable energy program, and for growing and managing the Town's residential energy efficiency programs established and operated with grant funds.

The STEP-UP! Project Manager/Energy Coach will report to the Mayor, Town of University Park, and work within general policies and other guidance established by the Town Council. The STEP-UP! Project Manager/Energy Coach will serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Duties will include the following:

- Plan and carry out community energy efficiency projects, including preparation of work plans, budgets, and reports;
- Development of a modern Web site interface for the STEP-UP! Program, capable of operating social media and communications functions;
- Personalized marketing outreach to Town residents, including advising on home energy audits, assisting calculation of home energy savings, advising on leveraging available programs and incentives for energy conservation;

- Track the status of deliverables and expenditures on projects, and work to assure timely, on-budget delivery of high-quality products;
- Identify opportunities to engage industry partners and other cooperators in community energy efficiency projects;
- Advise as needed on technical and policy issues related to community and residential energy efficiency;
- Establish or strengthen partnership relationships with other public, private, and NGO organizations;
- Gather and maintain those records, and prepare reports, required by the Department of Energy as part of the grant process;
- Monitor the use of grant funds for compliance with the terms of the grant; and
- Develop promotional materials to support replication of grant efforts/results in other communities; and
- Other related duties as required. The STEP UPI Project Manager/Energy Coach will work with the Director of Public Works, Chief of Police, Town Treasurer, Town Attorney, Town Clerk and others as required to achieve the purposes of the grant.

Requirements

The position requires:

- Familiarity with residential energy efficiency technologies, practices, and programs, including both existing and planned incentives for residential energy savings, preferably stemming from extensive energy conservation work experience in a management, technical, policy, and/or marketing role.
- Considerable individual initiative, coupled with creativity and skill to further develop and implement a broad-based energy conservation program for a small residential community in the Maryland suburbs of the metropolitan Washington, DC area.
- Proven ability to interact with community residents and work with partner organizations in developing innovative, complex projects and in implementing them successfully in a small community.
- Extensive social marketing skills adaptable for application in a small community, including outstanding verbal and written communications skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and to contribute effectively as a member of a team, and to contribute analysis and technical support to help University Park residents effectively save energy.
- Demonstrated skills in dealing with public and private sector executives, and ability to collaborate effectively with energy companies, banks, and allied organizations involved in the many possible elements of residential energy efficiency.

A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field and several years of increasingly responsible experience are a minimum requirement. Salary is competitive and based upon experience. The Town of University Park also offers a generous benefits package. Both final salary and benefits are negotiable. Consideration of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The Town is an equal opportunity employer.

Interested individuals should send a letter of introduction, a resume and a list of at least three references postmarked no later than August 31, 2010, or until position is filled, to:

Mayor John Rogard Tabori
Town of University Park, Room 6
6724 Baltimore Avenue
University Park, Maryland 20782